

REMARKS

In the Official communication dated August 19, 2009, the Examiner asserted that Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed May 4, 2009, was not fully responsive to the previous Official Action. More specifically, the Official Action asserted that Applicants' previous response did not point out where support for the new and amended claim limitations are located in Applicants' specification.

In Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed May 4, 2009, claims 1, 5-9, 17, and 20-22 were amended. Additionally, new claims 23-27 were added. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 1, 5-9, 17, and 20-22 were directed to clarifying the claim features so that the terminology used therein was consistent with Applicants' disclosure. Applicants also submit that new method claims 23-27 take the place of the previous (now-cancelled) method claims 12-16.

With regard to claims 1, 5-9, 17, and 20-22, Applicants submit that the primary change was the replacement of the previous expression "customized routing service platform" with the expression "customized menu routing platform" in the above-cited claims. Support for this expression is provided at several locations throughout Applicants' disclosure. For instance, specification page 1 explicitly defines the acronym "CMR" as "Customized Menu Routing". Additionally, the "CMR Platform", i.e., Customized Menu Routing Platform, is used throughout the specification, e.g., lines 1-10 of specification page 15, lines 19-24 of specification page 18, lines 19-20 of specification page 19, lines 7-8 of specification page 21, lines 1-6 of specification page 24, lines 3-7 of specification page 33, and lines 3-19 of specification page 35. Applicants also submit that amended Figures 1 and 5 distinctly point out the elements included in the CMR Platform, consistent with the specification. With regard to claim 5, Applicants submit that

the definition of the acronym NPA as “numbering plan area” is provided on specification page 2, line 10. Similarly, Applicants submit that the description of the acronym NXX as a “country code portion” is provided in specification page 8, lines 19-21.

With regard to new method claims 23-27, new independent method claim 23 is a revision of previous (now-cancelled) independent claim 12. The scope of new independent method claim 23 is similar to independent system claim 1. Additionally, Applicants submit that new dependent method claims 24-27 are nearly identical to original (now-cancelled) claims 13-16, respectively.

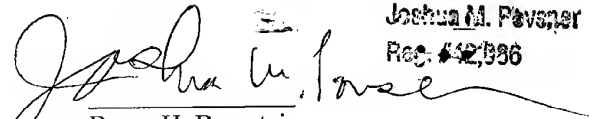
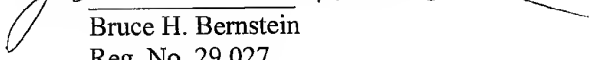
Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims are directed to a system and method for routing international calls to a toll-free number using an international gateway. Applicants also submit that support for international origin dependent routing calls, including the features recited in the pending claims, is primarily provided in Applicants’ Figures 5-8, and the corresponding descriptions, which generally begin on specification page 29, line 6, and end on specification page 39, line 12.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants’ specification and drawings provide the necessary support for both the amendments to claims 1, 5-9, 17, and 20-22, and for new claims 23-27.

From the amendments, arguments, and remarks provided in Applicants’ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed May 4, 2009, and from Applicants’ supplementary remarks provided herein, Applicants believe that all of the claims pending for consideration by the Examiner in the present Application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Official Action is respectfully requested and an indication of allowance of claims 1-11 and 17-27 is now believed to be appropriate.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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